

Remarks

Although the newly cited reference, U.S. 6,695,898 B2 to Momose, is entirely focused on amines with propanol skeleton, this response recognizes that the claims of this application must meaningfully distinguish over such disclosure. Accordingly, of the two independent claims pending, claim 1 is amended to more specific language based on the specification. Claim 15, if similarly amended, and those claims dependent on it are deemed redundant in view of the amended claim 1 and are canceled. Claim 9 is canceled as redundant in view of the amendments of claims 1 and 7.


Claim 1 now claims a selection from a list as follows: 1) cyclic amines with only one secondary amine in the cyclic ring, which is supported at page 5, lines 8-9, and by Examples 3 and 6 on page 13; 2) compounds which comprise one primary amine and at least one tertiary amine, which is supported at page 4, lines 24-26, page 5, line 8-10, original claims such as claim 5, and several examples; and 3) tetrahydrofurfuryl amines, which is supported at page 5, lines 8-9 and by Examples 2 and 5 on page 13.

Since the primary reference, Momose, does not teach use of an amine in a cyclic ring, does not teach both a primary amine and a tertiary amine in the same compound, and does not teach furfuryl amine, the outstanding final rejection is believed clearly overcome and this application is ready for allowance. The secondary references are cited for specific teachings not related to the foregoing deficiencies of Momose as a reference.

Accordingly, reconsideration in due course, followed by allowance of claims 1-8 and 9-14, all of the pending claims after entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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